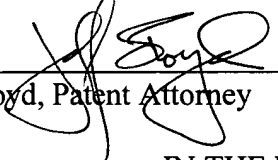


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Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a one-month Extension of Time through and including March 21, 2005 accompanies this Election.

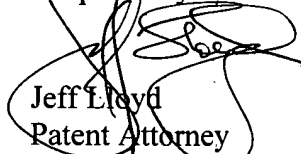
In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated January 21, 2005 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-4, 11-17), without traverse, and, further, directed to nucleic acid SEQ ID NO: 4.

Applicants note that claim 16 was not included in any of the six groups of invention set out in the January 21, 2005 Restriction Requirement. Accordingly and by this Election, Applicants are including claim 16 in the elected invention of Group I. Further, Applicants hereby express their intent to seek rejoinder of the method claims of Groups III and V, as suggested by the Examiner.

A Supplemental Preliminary Amendment canceling and/or withdrawing the non-elected claims accompanies this Election.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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